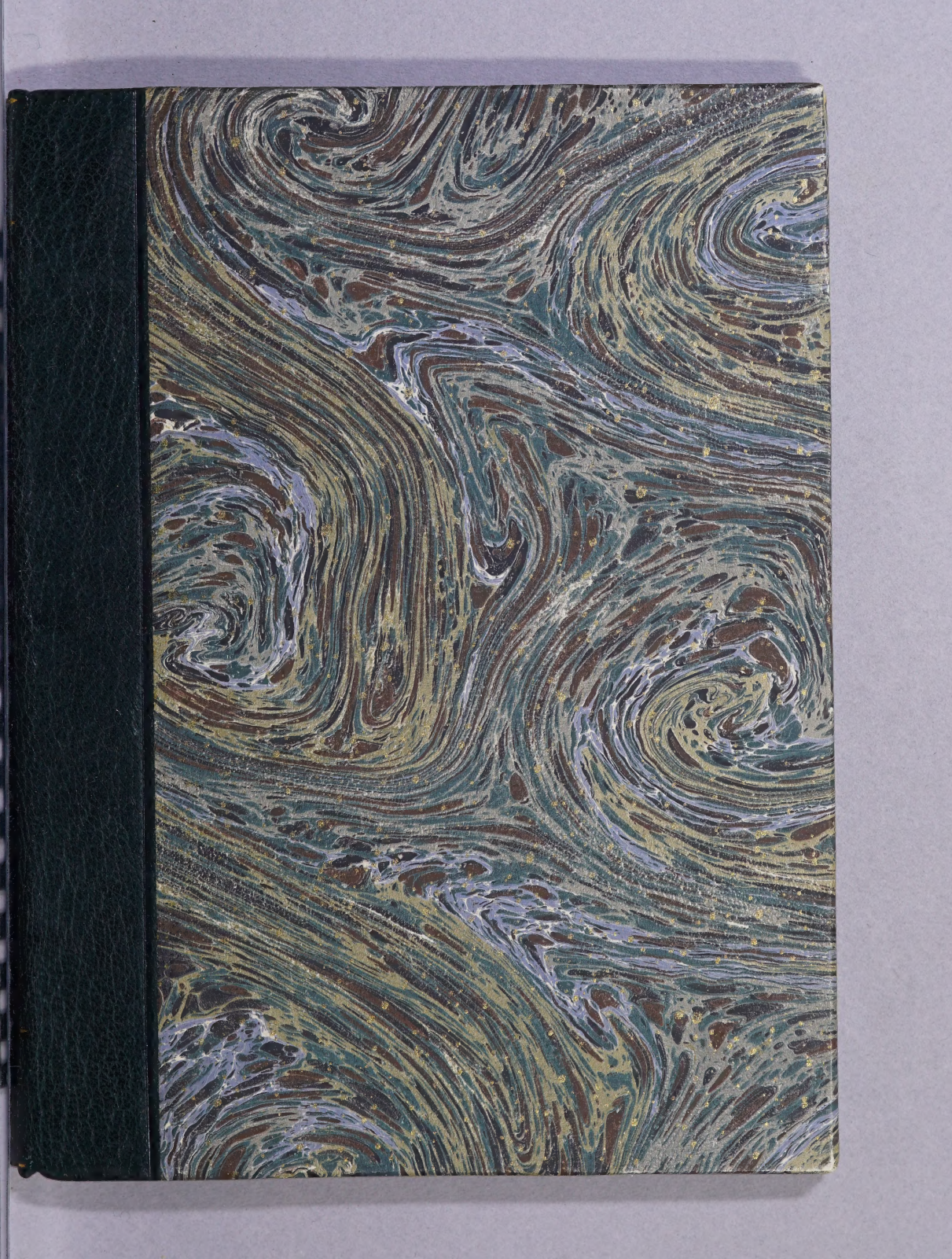

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New-Englands VINDICATION.

Shewing the Mis-understanding of the

APPREHENSION

To take all that vast Countrey under the Notion of a particular place of one Pattent of *Boston*, the Metropolitan of the *Machechusets* there, who in these late Times have Acted as a Free State and Illegal proceeding, as by the many Books and Complaints by Petition have caused an Odium on the Countrey in general, in vindication to manifest the worth of the Countrey in general, it is as hopeful to enlarge His Majesties Dominions, as if all the Baltick Seas were Annexed to His Empire.

By HENRY GARDENER *Merchant, whose Father was one of the first Adventurers thither, and into other parts of* America.

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THE EPISTLE TO THE READER.

Courteous Reader,

MY Father with others, and Capt. John Maſon, having lived long in the Oriental parts of the World, almoſt as much Eaſtwards, as New England is Weſtwards, in the ſame longitude from 42 to 44 degrees, at great charges procured ſundry Pattents, as may appear; hoping to fix them and their poſterity, propagate the Goſpel, and enlarge His Majeſties Dominions where never any Chriſtian inhabited, to the vaſt charges of many 1000 l. as by ſundry Books extant, beſides the Relation of an old Gentleman in them mentioned, being well known to have merited of his own Countrey, in other parts, here, and in New-England 27 years in perſon, is manifeſt; hath induced me to write theſe few lines. I find the Countrey no leſs hopeful to His Majeſty, then what we did expect, but under Notion of one particular Pattent, of 30 others, now grown great, ſtrong and potent by the Times and friends here. In theſe moſt ſad times of diſtraction, the Machechuſets of Boſton acting as a Free State; have by thoſe proceedings caſt an Odium on all that vaſt Countrey, not onely to be deſpicable, unprofitable, and matters of other conſequence. I thought good to ſhew ſo much His Majeſties Title to the Countrey, by ſome Colle-

Mr. Godfrey.

Collections I have seen from New-found-land *to* Cape Florida, *which were well to be publiſhed with the Mapps and Cards: till when this may ſuffice to ſhew the unjuſt proceedings of the ſaid Gentleman of the Colony of* Boſton, *againſt the ſaid Gentleman and thoſe of the Eaſtern parts, who were not all of their tenents, but ever acted according to His Majeſties Lawes, in taking the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, they being of a contrary opinion: and Mr.* Hugh Peters *and other their Agents made uſe of their times here, 1652. ſubjugated all the Eaſtern parts, and put the Oath of Fidelity to the State, without any Relation to* England, *to the ruine of ſome Families. I wiſh every man may have his Right, and His Majeſty his Right Intereſt: which is all my aime and endeavour. It were good the Mapps and Cards to be Printed, were ſpherically drawn, each Pattent to be bounded, and their acknowledgements looked unto, what not granted, nor Conditions performed, if His Majeſty would Grant, Cuſtomers would not be wanting, and a Revenue to His Majeſty raiſed, which will cauſe Peace and Quiet to the Countrey, and ſecurity of His Majeſties Intereſt.*

JOHN CARTER BROWN

To Answer such as say His Majesty KING CHARLES *has no Title to that vast Empire, from* New-found-land *to* Cape-Florida: *some such there be; others no King but Christ; others* Libertines, *to do what is good in their own eyes; some* Israelites; *the rest* Egyptians.

AGainst all. His Majesties Right in those parts, is 1. By Discovery from *Henry* the 7th time, by *Sebastian Cabott*, for which he had a Pention of 200 Marks *per annum*. 2. By Possession of Sir *Humphrey Gilbert*, Sir *Richard Greenfield*, Sir *Walter Rawley* in Queen *Elizabeths* time, named *Virginia*. After whose death King *James* of ever blessed memory, peace being concluded, many Sea-men and Souldiers went to serve other Princes; others on Discoveries, as the North-West passage, &c, some fell with the Coast of *New-England*, and brought home some of the Natives.

So my Lord *Popham* and others procured Pattents, for two About 1649

two Colonies to be ſettled in thoſe parts, one by the Name of *Virginia*; the other of *New-England*.

1607 Then my Lord *Popham* and others ſent to inhabite *New-England*, and ſettled a Colony at *Saquadahock*, the Ruines and fruit Trees remain to this day; but he dying, all fell: Then divers Fiſhermen went onely to fiſh; and one *Hunt* at the end of his Voyage, in the *Long-Robert* betrayed 22 of the Natives aboard his Ship, carried them for *Spain*, to ſell them for Slaves; (an ill Act) they would not work; the *Spaniard* refuſed them; ſome of them brought for *England*: *Hunt* taken by the *Turks* coming home.

1614 By reaſon of theſe ſalvages another Atchievement was made, but it came to nothing.

1615 Sir *Richard Hawkins* went in a Ship of his own, the *Garland*, to make a Fiſhing-Voyage and Diſcovery: made a good Voyage, but no Diſcovery.

1619 His Majeſty granted Letters *P*attents to the Council of *Plymouth*, and after confirmed by *P*attents of
1620 Incorporation to certain Lords, but great troubles aroſe in *P*arliament, that it was a Monopoly; of which and other paſſages, I ſhall treat hereafter at large.

Then the ſaid Council granted ſundry *P*attents, as to Capt. *Willeſton*, Mr. *Tho. Morton*, ſome of *Dorcheſter* and other, to ſettle in the Bay of the *Machechuſets*.

1621 There were divers of *Robinſons* Tenents of *Amſterdam*, and other Merchants of *London* joyned to ſettle a Colony nigh *Cape Cod*, now called *New-Plymouth* in *New-England*; *Godfrey* was one, but in two years they brought thoſe that ſent them 1800. l. in debt, ſo that the principat was fain to pay the debt; but ſince they have flouriſhed and thrived, and do to this day: have well acted

acted for themselves, as the Mode of *New-England* is.

There were divers worthy Gentlemen, desirous to separate from the Church of *England*, yet among themselves of sundry Opinions, (as hereafter) the most discreetest of them procured a Pattent, first by my Lord of *Warwick*, from the Council of *New-Plymouth*, after inlarged by his Majesty to Sir *Will. Russel*, Mr. *Jo. Wynthrope*, and divers others, as may appear; by Authority whereof, and persons of so great Eminency and Quality going, and Books of Incouragement dispersed over all *England*; they proceeded so well and effectually, that seven Ships were provided at the *Couses* and *Hampton*, and those parts, with all sorts of Provisions fit to settle a New Colony in a New Country; divers good and godly people went, but divers under the Umbrella of Religion, in regard of the largeness of their *P*attent, which was three Miles South of *Charles* River, three Miles North East of *Merimack*, and fifty Miles by Sea shore, 1629. Bounded by themselves, named it the Bound-House, yet to be seen; their *P*attent had large Limits and *P*riviledges by Incorporation, as Custom free for seven years, which other Pattents had not; yet they were tyed not to act contrary to the Laws, or any way repugnant to *England*; & other Acknowledgments, as may appear. Men of great Estates went, and many ventured deeply, great Sums of Money of Benevolences gathered, at present about 700.l. *per Annum*, in Land yearly, for the converting the *Indians*, what done therein, the Lyon not so fierce, as painted Mr. *Rouses* Book will shew. Of persons of note went the Lady *Arabella*, Daughter to the Earl of *Lincoln*, and her Husband, Mr. *Isaac Johnson*; in honour of whom the Ship *Eagle*, the *Admiral*, was called the *Arabella*; so

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with great Riches, Furniture, *Provisions* of all sorts, Tradesmen, and Utensils for all Manufactures, people of all sorts went; *Portanter avarii Pigmaliones opes pelago Dux, Fœmena facti.*

Relinquendo, to leave their Native Country, *Relegando*, to combine to settle at *Utopia*, they safely arrived at *Salem*, and yearly great multitudes of People of all sorts went thither and resorted to them by Thousands; they fell to modelling of Government for *Church* and *Common-wealth*, gathering of Churches; as People came, they could not agree of points of Controversie in Religion; a most hideous Monster was born, of stupendious Forms and Shapes, which did prognosticate their Dissension; Mr. *Cotton* the Minister said in the Pulpit, it had as many Shapes as Tenents broached; so that some not agreeing were banished, and a Council, or a Conventicle held, a man might see a Speech, but a wise man would not regard the Punctilio's, as in occasion I shall say hereafter; there was such a Confusion, that the wisest were at a maze, and so many Complaints came to *England* against them, that it was doubtful in short time they would quite shake off the Royal Jurisdiction of *England* (as now) all the Ships stayed for going thither; all Objections against them were then answered by Mr. *Godfrey*, who lived remote from them, where all had then taken the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy; so that upon his Plea, all the Ships were cleared. Thereby their Governour and others, held *Gratum Opus*, since ill rewarded. Mr. *John Wynthrope* was a worthy Patriot and Governour, his equal they may in time have, but a better will never come there; for since his death others also dead, and some returned to *England*, seeking ambitiously

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far beyond their power or abilities, as by ſo many Books Petitions, and Remonſtrances againſt them may appear: So we may ſay as of *Rome*, *Behold of late O little Rome*, to what a greatneſs ſhe is come; of *Boſton* one poor Pattent granted, but of late is now become a mighty State; never Horſe nor man ere turned home bettered by the ſight of *Rome*.

From *Boſton* in the *American* Strands, none ere came bettered, except he came by Land, for too much power ſo far off, in ſuch hands, ſeldome wants danger not to meaſure Juriſdiction by the length of their Swords; they may hold themſelves wiſe, and turn others out for fools, (but now) *Che Tropo ſe ſtringe toto diſſeguea*; if of meek ſpirit, ſhould have ſuffered others after thirty years poſſeſſion, and never any Complaint there or here, and approved by themſelves, as under all their hands will appear. If Royal or Loyal Subjects, ſhould have emulated who ſhould have given the beſt account of all their Tranſactions, and ſuffered Appeals and Judication for *England*, and aſſiſted one the other, if they will acknowledge *Englands* power: If it be but weakneſs in ſome Men, as a ſublimated Coach-man from the Box to the Bench, and Plow to Pulpit; a Taylor or two, and the like, with the mecannick Grandee Laymans Deputy, to ſtritch ſo large as to act contrary to *Jus Gentium Lex*, Law of our own Country, or *Concelarum Contience*, to paſs Sentence before Plea or Judication, to inrich ſome turbulent men of low condition and leſs breeding; as one anſwered about the Book of *Common-Prayer*, he ſhewed them that could read, the 29. *Eccleſ.* How can he get wiſdome that holdeth the Plow, &c. ſuch ſhould not ſit high in the Congregation, &c. They may do well in time to ſubmit, and for

wrongs done, make ſatisfaction or acknowledgment, as 22. years paſſed their *P*attent was ſued to a *Quo Warranto*, and ſent for; if thirty more Queries be added, as for inſtance three or four, denying Appeals, Printing, Coining, and that his Majeſties Coyn from 12 *d.* to 9 *d.* the Juriſdiction of Admiralty, *Engliſh* Collors.

By ſuch proceedings the Country is held deſpicable, and an Odium caſt on it, by the moſt unjuſt and unadviſed proceeding of one particular *P*attent and place of *Boſton*, which if others have their Rights, is not one *6th.* part of the Country, and but one of thirty other *P*attents, by the ſad diſtractions of the Times; here divers Miniſters went thither for the good of the Cauſe, as they ſaid, returned for the Loaves ſake, as Mr. *Hugh Peters*, with twenty more of his Tribe; and ſome other men of great eſteem, as Sir *Henry Vane*, Sir *R. Saltenſtal*, and an Agmen of men of all ſorts, all highly preferred in Church, State, Army, Navy, Cuſtomhouſe. &c. and ſome of no Literature, to preach, and Beneficed, and plundering here violently; it has a worm in the root in this time, the ableſt Miniſters and Magiſtrates dead, and ſome gone. There is ſome good Gentlement yet, as Mr. *Indicoat*, Mr. *Bellingham*, Mr. *Demſon*, but they have no power, the Country act as a Free State, the Deputies firſt, they as the Miniſters will; ſo if the Miniſters and Deputies enter on mens Eſtates and Lands, as they have done, as I ſhall ſhew, and ſubjugate all other *P*attents, & make them Town-ſhips; We that firſt ventured muſt petition, our ſometimes Servants to be good to their Maſters Children; what Law can we have or expect that be of the Church of *England*, they *Independants*, ſo our Antagoniſts, incompetent

petent Judges, being parties in action, and opposite in Religion: Let it be observed, that if in ten years they came to this height, what in these twenty, having so inriched themselves in Wealth, Strength, and Fortifications, that if they Fortifie *Pascataqua* River for themselves, as they have subjugated it, and now Arm against the *Dutch* new *Neatherland*, with their united Collonies, they may be the invincible States in *America*. If any object the contrary, I shall make it appear; let Major *Robert Sedgwick*, & Capt. *Leveret*, *Nova Scotia Franci*, Business be a president, for the difficulty, charges, and danger, if not in time prevented, may be more obnoxious to *England*, than ever the *Hollander* was to the *King* of *Spain*. All the power is in the *Independant* way, yet three to one out; and his Majesty has to my knowledg as Loyal Subjects as any in *England*: in short time they will be in Confusion in themselves, the Country wholesome, pleasant; and if good Society and *English* Government were there, people would rather live there than in *Africk*, *Greece*, *Italy*, *France*, *Spain*, or *England*; it transcends all the *Baltick Seas*, and affords all or any Commodity they have, & more plenty of sundry sorts, and of more concernment to his Majesty, than if all the *Baltick Seas* were annexed to his Empire; as in a short Epitomy and Anotamy of those Countries, from *New-found-land* to *Cape Florida*, with the Mapps and Cards shall appear, with Collections of 55. years Pilgrimage: it is want of Charity in the *Independant* Ministers, the Commons are possessed they are all *Israelites*, and we *Egyptians*, of the Orthodox and true Church of *England*, and reject old Planters that made way for them; Mr. *Sa. Maverick* for one, the most Hospitable for entertainment of People of all sorts, *A-*

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merica afforded not, nor does the like, yet never free of Avenies and troubles to many, ſome Life, Impriſonment, Illegal Subverſion, and Uſurping others Rights: I could wiſh they had ſo much Charity as *Turk* or *Romiſh*, do as you would be done to; no Salvation without Reſtitution if able, not ſo much ſuch as *Iſraelites* and *Egyptians*, and not to reward evil for good: If this is too ſhort or tart, I ſhall be more copious with their proceedings with us, whom you call, without Authenticated, by proceeding of their Courts, with their Magiſtrates Hands; and though you have ſome good, godly, and able Miniſters, ſome are to be blamed for irreverend ſpeaking againſt ours, and they worſe.

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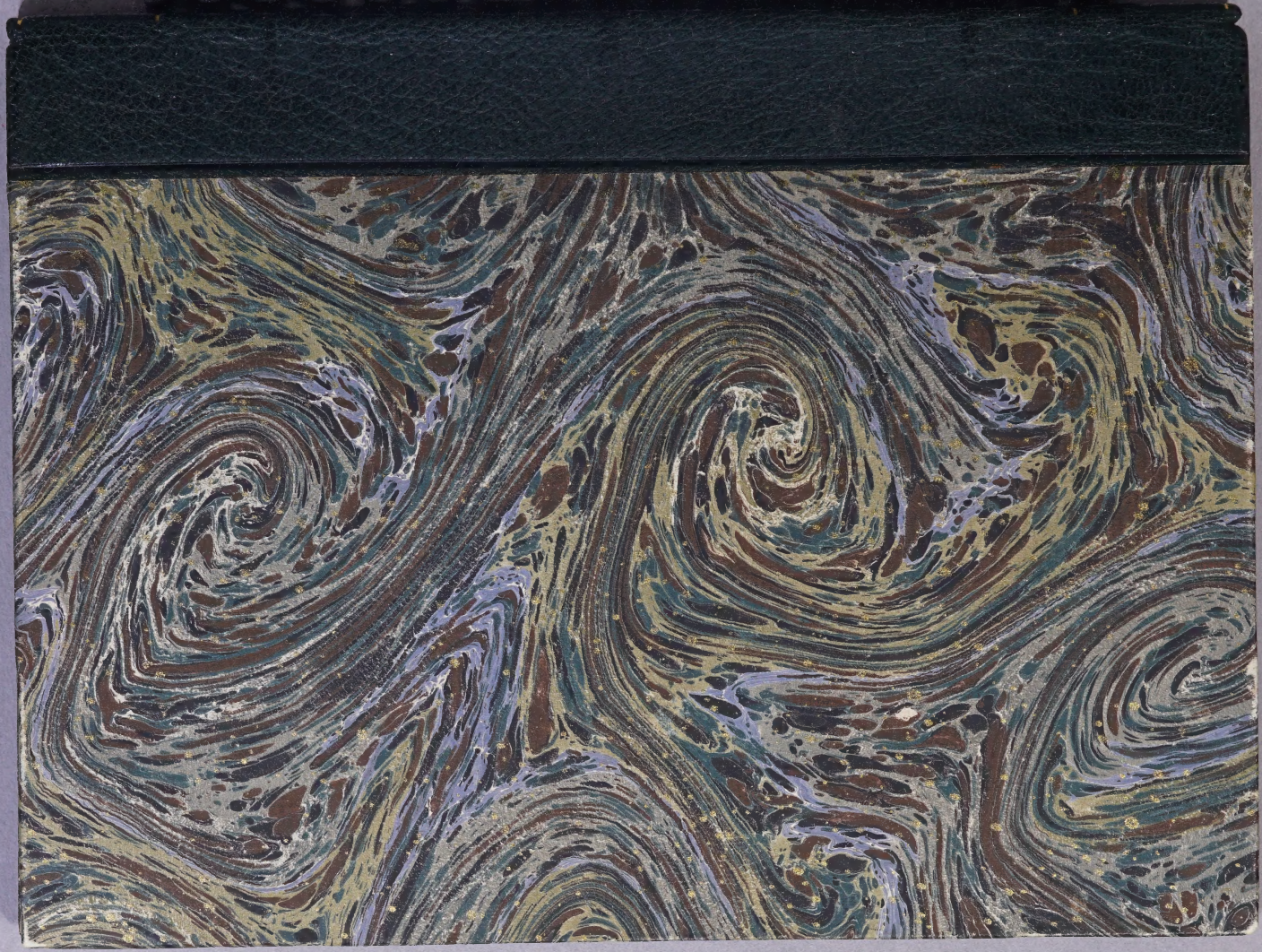
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